



Department of Planning and Community Development

Policy # Build – 06-01

Job Site Safety

Construction activity can increase unsafe conditions. City of Norfolk Inspection personnel are expected to use reasonable judgment when considering safety at projects they visit for inspection. This includes complying with all City of Norfolk safety rules and those on the construction site. In the event that any of the following conditions are present, inspectors are encouraged to contact their supervisor and seek further direction. If a construction site represents a safety hazard, a supervisor will contact the project superintendent to discuss. In an extreme case, inspection personnel are discouraged from entering projects that, in their judgment, may cause them harm. Examples of dangerous conditions include:

- ✓ Poor lighting or lack of lighting that would prevent safe access or egress.
- ✓ Unsafe use of equipment.
- ✓ Poor or lack of identification for areas that do not have substantial guards to prevent falling.
- ✓ Poor or lack of access to inspection areas. Examples include flimsy ladders, un-braced scaffolding, steep or slippery ramps, etc.

Commentary

Safety is important to everyone. Jobsite safety is the responsibility of the contractor. If jobsite safety falls below an acceptable, inspection personnel are expected to avoid the conditions that may cause them harm. Failure to maintain adequate safety on a jobsite is regarded as negligence. Negligence and incompetence in the practice of contracting is a PROHIBITED ACT under the rules that regulate contractors in Virginia (18VAC 50-22-260).